

4. Pete stands on the top of a 20 foot train and throws a hammer upward with a speed of 10 ft/s. Suppose there is a force due to air resistance acting on the hammer in the opposite direction of velocity with a magnitude of $\frac{v^2}{2000}$ ft/s. Assuming the hammer misses the train, how long will it take the hammer to hit the ground? (Use $g = 32$ ft/s² as the magnitude of the acceleration due to gravity.)

(2 steps)

Same basic set up as 3.

$$\text{up: } m \frac{dv}{dt} = -mg - \frac{v^2}{2000}$$

$$\text{down: } m \frac{dv}{dt} = -mg + \frac{v^2}{2000}$$

(need to separate equations so that when $v < 0$, air resistance > 0 and when $v > 0$, air resistance < 0)

$$\text{First, going up: } \frac{dv}{dt} = -32 - \frac{v^2}{4000} = \frac{-v^2 - 128,000}{4000}$$

$$\frac{dv}{-128,000 - v^2} = \frac{dt}{4000}$$

$$\frac{-1}{128,000} \frac{dv}{1 + \left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right)^2} = \frac{dt}{4000}$$

(Recall $\int \frac{1}{1+u^2} du = \tan^{-1}(u) + C$)

$$-\frac{\sqrt{128,000}}{128,000} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right) = \frac{t}{4000} + C$$

Doing algebra and using the initial value $v(0) = 10$, we get $v(t) = \sqrt{128,000} \tan\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{128,000}}{4000} t\right)$

Notice that the maximum height occurs when $v(T) = 0$.

Solving this for T , we obtain $T \approx 0.312418658$ seconds

Now, if $h(t)$ is height, $v(t) = \frac{dh}{dt}$

(Recall $\int \tan u \, du = \ln|\sec u| + C$), so

$$h(t) = -4000 \ln\left|\sec\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{128,000}}{4000} t\right)\right| + C$$

Using the initial value $h(0) = 20$, we obtain

$$h(t) = -4000 \ln\left|\sec\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{128,000}}{4000} t\right)\right| + 4000 \ln\left|\sec\left(\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right)\right)\right| + 20$$

Max height is $h(T) \approx 21.561889966$ feet

going down: Reset $t=0$ (for simplicity)

We now have the initial conditions

$$v(0) = 0, \quad h(0) \approx 21.561889966$$

$$m \frac{dv}{dt} = -mg + \frac{v^2}{2000} \quad \text{so} \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = -32 + \frac{v^2}{4000}$$

$$\text{get } \frac{dv}{-128,000 + v^2} = \frac{dt}{4,000}$$

$$\text{(Recall } \int \frac{1}{1-u^2} du = \tanh^{-1}u + C \text{ when } -1 < u < 1 \text{)}$$

$$\frac{-1}{128,000} \cdot \frac{dv}{1 - \left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right)^2} = \frac{dt}{4,000}$$

$$\frac{-\sqrt{128,000}}{128,000} \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{v}{\sqrt{128,000}}\right) = \frac{t}{4000} + C$$

Doing algebra and using the initial value $v(0)=0$, we get

$$v(t) = \sqrt{128,000} \tanh\left(-\frac{\sqrt{128,000}}{4000} t\right) \quad \left(\text{Recall } \int \tanh u du = \ln|\cosh u| + C\right)$$

$$\frac{dh}{dt} = v(t), \text{ so } h(t) = -4000 \ln\left|\cosh\left(-\frac{\sqrt{128,000}}{4000} t\right)\right| + C$$

Using the initial value $h(0) = 21.561889966$, we get

$$h(t) = -4000 \ln\left|\cosh\left(-\frac{\sqrt{128,000}}{4000} t\right)\right| + 21.561889966$$

The ball hits the ground when $h(s) = 0$.

Solving, we get $s \approx 1.16191277$

Time to go up + Time to go down

$$T + S$$

$$\approx 0.312418658 + 1.16191277$$

$$\approx \boxed{1.47 \text{ seconds}}$$